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ABSTRACT

This book offers educators guidelines for appropriately dealing with aggression in the schools and ways to increase school safety for all students. The 13 chapters address the following topics: (1) evaluating a school for safety, which includes a checklist to use in reviewing policies, facilities, students, and staff; (2) principles of peaceful conflict resolution; (3) combating truancy through community coordination, enforcement of the truancy ordinance, recognition of good attendance, and parenting classes; (4) working with the police (utilizing their resources and filing charges when necessary); (5) working with the judicial system(roles of the court and probation system); (6) definitions of common criminal offenses and criminal behavior requiring police notification; (7) dress codes (legal issues and a sample code); (8) guidelines for conducting legal searches (including body and locker searches); (9) sexual harassment (definition and legal issues); (10) dealing with perpetrators of sexual offenses; (11) gang prevention and intervention; (12) intervention procedures for traumatic crises (deaths, suicide threats); and (13) school security (policies regarding weapons, bombs or bomb threats, hostage situations). Appendixes provide samples of procedural and policy statements, a sample police incident report, and a sample suicide threat record form. (Individual chapters contain references.) (EH)

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